

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY DIVISION OF MINED LAND RECLAMATION P. O. DRAWER 900; BIG STONE GAP, VA 24219 TELEPHONE: (540) 523-8157

Informal Hearing 10:00 a.m. April 5, 2010 Permit #1101990 Nine Mine Spur, LLC

Location of the informal hearing was at the Mine site:

- 1. Informal conference opened at 10:05 a.m. by James Meacham (DMME, Conference Officer)
- 2. Purpose of the meeting to solicit information as to the fact of violation for order of Cessation CEV0006996.
- 3. No persons from the general public attended.
- 4. Other persons present representing the company -Tom Baumgarth (Manager of Engineering); Phil Mullins (Manager of Engineering); Daniel Short (Superintendent)
- 5. From the agency Eddie Varner (DMLR Inspector)
- 6. Comments were received from Mr. Tom Baumgarth, Mr. Phil Mullins, Mr. Daniel Short. Concerning the fact of violation.
- 7. The hearings officer's tentative recommendations were
  - Re-evaluate several areas of the DMLR citizen complaint investigation by the DMLR Inspector with assistance from the DMLR Technical Section.
  - Complete the re-evaluation by May 14, 2010, and the record remain open until this information is reviewed and considered by this hearings officer.
  - The conference officer would render his final decision within five days of the close of the record.
- 8. There being no other persons wishing to submit comments, the conference was closed at 10:35 a.m.